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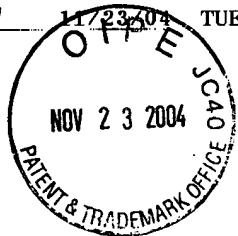
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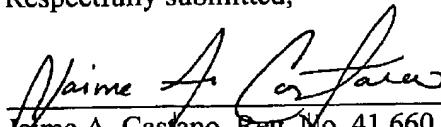
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On September 30, 2004, the Notice of Allowability was mailed for the above-referenced application. In this paper, the Examiner provided a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Although Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's Allowance of the present claims, there are a variety of unique features recited in the allowed claims, including, but not limited to, the claim language cited by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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